

**SC Victim Service Coordinating Council
MEETING MINUTES**

October 9, 2007

Edgar Brown Bldg. Rm 364 (Pendleton Street, Columbia, SC)

Present: Nancy Barton, Colleen Bozard, William Bilton, Hope Blackley, Vicki Bourus, Marvin Bryant, Dottie Cronise, Barbara Grissom, Dean Kilpatrick, Surleaner Smith, Ashlie Lancaster, BJ Nelson, Tricia Phaup, Bob Rightsell, Veronica Swain, Sandi Wofford, Anne Wolf.

The first task of the day was review, revision, and approval of VSCC bylaws. A draft developed by the bylaws committee was reviewed section by section, with VSCC members providing discussion and suggested amendments as needed.

Most sections, amended through VSCC member motions, were approved by unanimous consent.

For the final paragraph of Article III, Section III (requiring a two-thirds majority for all votes), there was some discussion regarding whether this was too high of a threshold. Dean motioned to pass as is, and Barbara seconded. The amendment was approved with a vote of 15 to 2 (dissenters William and Anne).

After all sections were discussed, Colleen made a motion to approve the bylaws. Bob seconded the motion. A show of hands demonstrated unanimous approval.

The next task was to generate nominations for the crime victim member. Dean motioned that the crime victim nominee not be a paid employee of any criminal justice or non-governmental organization. This would support the individual's representing him- or her-self and own victimization versus representing viewpoints of an agency or board. Marvin seconded the motion. The VSCC unanimously approved.

Bob made a motion and it was unanimously decided that VSCC members would seek out persons whom they felt might be good reps and invite these persons to provide a bio. VSCC members will then bring bios to the next meeting from persons who have committed to serve if selected.

A new issue was introduced regarding confidentiality legislation that is currently under consideration. It was suggested that, given time-sensitive nature of legislation, this issue be discussed at the next meeting along with remaining business of the vote on a crime victim representative and the agenda item of prioritizing VSCC goals.

A meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 6 from 9:30am til noon. The location will be announced at a later time.

Dean motioned to adjourn, Sandi seconded, and all approved.